

Application No. 10/027,776
Amendment Dated March 31, 2004
In Reply to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004

Remarks

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended.

Claims 1-8 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In paragraphs 1-4 of the Office Action the Examiner has objected to the drawings. In response, Applicant has amended Fig. 1, changing the reference numeral "154" for the inductor to "156." A corresponding change has been made in the specification as noted below. Also, the term "Prior Art" has been added and the lines and element numbers have been clarified. In Fig. 2, Applicant has clarified the lines and element numbers. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to Figs. 1 and 2 be withdrawn.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the specification for an incomplete related applications section and the use of 154 for designating both "inductor" and "constant flow network." The incomplete related applications section has been amended accordingly and paragraph 15 of the specification has been amended so that inductor "154" is now inductor "156." The appropriate corresponding correction in Fig. 1 was made, as noted above. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

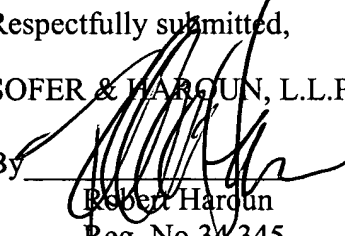
It is further noted that an editing paragraph, namely paragraph 39, was accidentally left in the specification when filed. As such, this paragraph has been removed.

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In paragraph 6 of the Office Action the Examiner has objected to claims 1, 6 and 7 for containing minor informalities. Applicant has amended these claims accordingly and respectfully requests that the these objections be withdrawn.

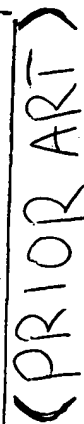
In paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting in view of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,366,029. Applicant has included a terminal disclaimer herewith and respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

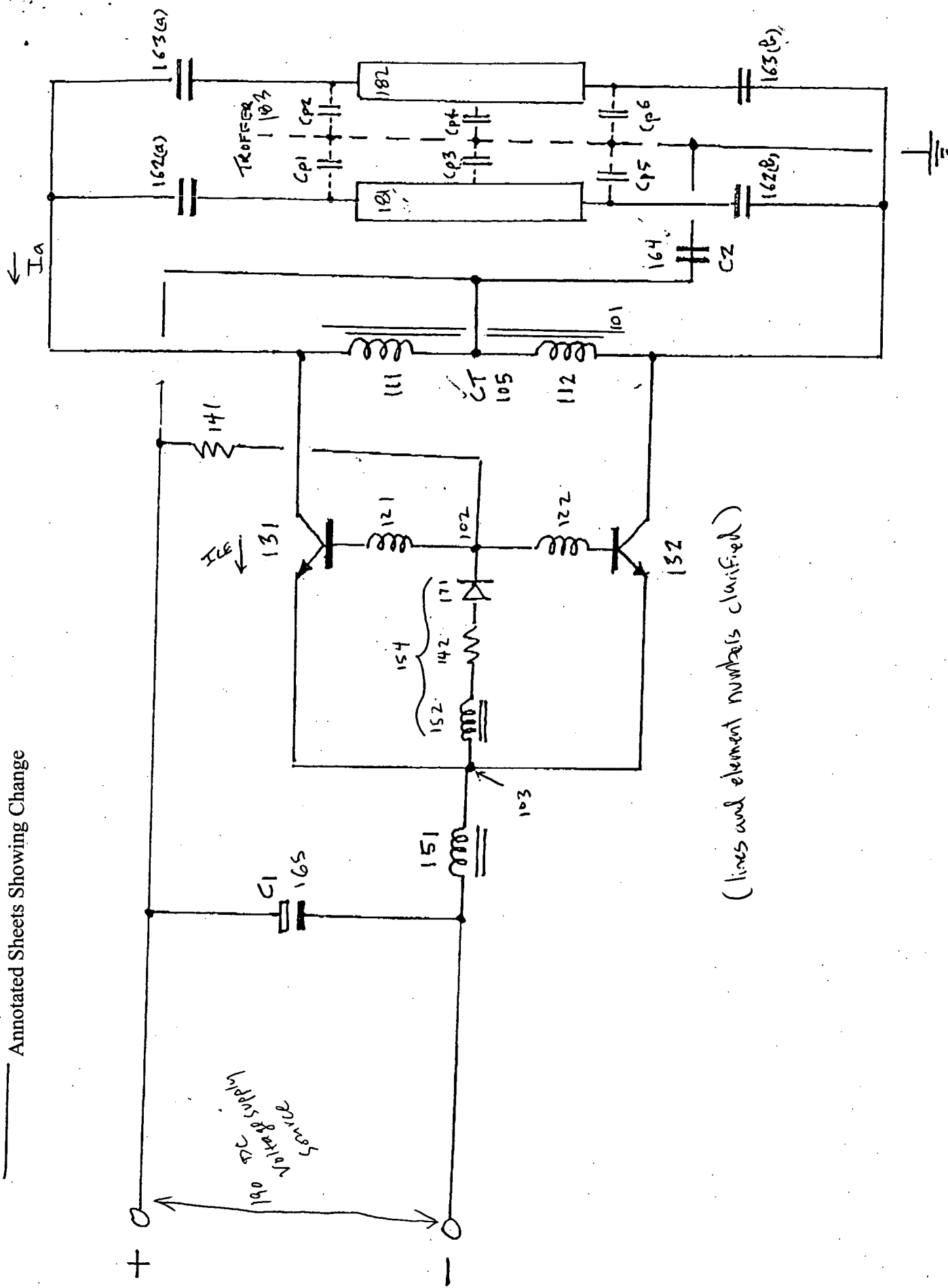
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-8 are now in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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